

Annual Report on the Health and  
Sanitary condition of the Urban Division  
of the Valmer Sanitary District, in the 12  
months ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 1895.

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| Area in Statute<br>acres | Population<br>Census 1891 | Estimated population<br>end of 1895 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1019                     | 4565                      | 4672                                |

I beg to present my annual Report on the  
Health and Sanitary Condition of the District.  
During the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 1895  
the number of Births registered was 113 equal  
to a rate of 24:12 per 1000, against 100 and  
a rate of 21:67 in 1894.

The deaths registered during 1895 from all  
causes were 55, equal to a rate of 11:77 per  
1000, against 51 and a rate of 11:05 in 1894.  
In judging of the health of the District it  
must be remembered that 6 deaths occur-  
red of people not belonging to the District of  
which 3 were due to Injuries and of these  
are deducted from those legitimately belonging  
to the District the number becomes 49, equal  
to a rate of 10:48 per 1000.

The Death rates of the last 5 years are as follows.

|       |       |       |       |        |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1891  | 1892  | 1893  | 1894  | 1895   |
| 10:19 | 12:00 | 12:40 | 11:05 | 11:77. |

the average rate being 11:48 per 1000 of the  
Deaths of people of all ages, 12 were those of  
children under 1 year of age, 9 between 1 and  
5 1 between 5 and 15, 1 between 15 & 25  
16, between 25 & 65, and 16 of 65 & upwards.  
The Infant mortality was at the rate of  
2:36







per 1000, or '218 of the total number of Deaths.

There were only 7 deaths due to Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, against 17 in 1894: 4 of these only 2 occurred in people over 65 years of age although during the early part of the year there was a severe epidemic of Influenza, from which only 1 death resulted. No less than 5 deaths were registered as due to "old age", the average of these being 82.00, and the range 73 to 90 years.

5 Deaths ~~from Diseases of the Zymotic class~~ were due to Cancer.

Of Deaths from Diseases of the Zymotic class there were 6 - Diphtheria 4, Whooping Cough 1, Influenza 1, and the rate per 1000 was 1.28.

Diphtheria there were in all 7 cases and 4 Deaths.

Campbell Street, 1 Case, the drainage was not defective, but there were no facilities for flushing except by hand, and that was much neglected. The house was in a very filthy condition.

York Road, 1 Case. There had been a fatal case in the house late in December 1894 which was dealt with in the Annual Report for that year, and a remedy suggested for the very defective state of drainage found to exist. Since then the matter has been thoroughly taken in hand, and the Nuisance abated to my satisfaction.

Church Street, 4 Cases, occurring in two houses. Here a very serious condition of things was found. In the Water Closets which are within 4 or 5 feet of the backs of the houses, the soil pipes were found to be broken under ground, & the earth saturated with sewage.







Immediate attention was given by the Landlord and the drainage of all the Cottages was thoroughly overhauled, and where found defective was remedied to my satisfaction.

Doon Road, 1 case, the drainage was satisfactory & no cause could be discovered.

In all these cases there were no cisterns, or any means provided for the storage of water for flushing purposes. And as the supply of water was (and is) intermittent, it was impossible for due cleanliness to be observed. I have before now remarked in my reports on the absolute necessity, if the District is to be kept free from these Diseases, of a constant supply of water, or failing that, of means for its storage for flushing purposes. I would earnestly impress upon the Council the seriousness of this matter.

Scarlatina 3 cases. Doon Road 1 case, cause unknown. The Bungalows 2 cases, imported.

Typhoid Fever, 2 cases, Canada Road 1 case, drainage satisfactory, water supply good, cause unknown.

Alexandra Road, Drainage in excellent order, water supply good. In neither of these cases could the milk supply be impeached.

In all the cases requiring disinfection, it has been thoroughly carried out, & the bedding, clothing &c. treated at the Steam Disinfector at Deal. I have made systematic inspections of the District







under my charge, including regular visits to the Bakeries, Slaughtering houses & Fishmongers' Premises.

Numerous complaints have been made of the neglectful manner in which the Scavenging has been done, this has been represented to the Contractors, who have taken steps to remedy this evil. The water supplied by the Deal & Walmer Water Company has been of the usual excellent quality, the question of a constant as against an intermittent supply, I have before referred to. I have inspected the private cocks & have found the quality of the water to be satisfactory. There have been no prosecutions during 1895 under the Public Health Act.

Common lodging houses — none.

Offensive trades — none.

The Sanitary Condition of the District generally at the end of the year was good.

To the best of my knowledge there were no cases of Infectious Disease existing at the end of the year.

The General Health of the District has been good throughout the year.

(Signed) T. S. Davey

Medical Officer of Health

Walmer Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1896











